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- A company whose software and services are used to remotely administer the energy industry began warning customers it is investigating a sophisticated hacker attack spanning its operations in the United States, Canada, and Spain. – *Krebs on Security* (See item [3](#))
- The Government Accountability Office released a report in which it demonstrates that counterfeit documents can be used easily to obtain valid driver's licenses and State-issued identification cards under fake identities. – *Homeland Security News Wire* (See item [31](#))
- The Federal Trade Commission settled a case with several computer rent-to-own companies and a software maker over their use of a program that spied on and collected data and images on as many as 420,000 people. – *The H* (See item [41](#))
- New research suggests planting malware at sites most likely to be visited by targets have been used in espionage attacks against the defense, government, financial services, healthcare, and utilities sectors. – *Krebs on Security* (See item [44](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *September 26, Wichita Falls Times Record News* – (Texas) **Oil field workers burned in fire.** Two oil field workers were burned September 25 in an incident in Clay County, Texas. The sheriff said one man suffered what appeared to be serious burns, while a second victim had burns to the arms. The incident happened off Meyers Road in the Bluegrove area south of Henrietta. The sheriff said initial reports indicated a tank battery exploded and ignited a fire. Two medical helicopters were dispatched to the scene and the men were taken to an area hospital.
Source: <http://www.timesrecordnews.com/news/2012/sep/26/oil-field-workers-burned-in-fire/>
2. *September 26, Canon-McMillan Patch* – (National) **Study: States fail to enforce Marcellus Shale drilling regulations.** September 25, Earthworks, a nonprofit, released *Breaking All the Rules: The Crisis in Oil & Gas Regulatory Enforcement*, a new research study indicating that States across the country — including Pennsylvania — are failing to enforce their own oil and gas development regulations. The 1-year, in-depth research project examined enforcement data and practices in Pennsylvania, Texas, Ohio, New York, New Mexico, and Colorado and included interviews with ex-industry and State agency employees. Failure to enforce oil and gas regulations means that States are not seeking, documenting, sanctioning, deterring, and cleaning up problems associated with irresponsible oil and gas operations such as chemical spills, equipment failure, accidents, and discharges into drinking water supplies, the report stated.
Source: <http://canon-mcmillan.patch.com/articles/study-states-fail-to-enforce-marcellus-shale-drilling-regulations>
3. *September 26, Krebs on Security* – (International) **Chinese hackers blamed for intrusion at energy industry giant Telvent.** A company whose software and services are used to remotely administer and monitor large sections of the energy industry began warning customers the week of September 17 that it is investigating a sophisticated hacker attack spanning its operations in the United States, Canada, and Spain, Krebs on Security reported September 26. Experts say digital fingerprints left behind by attackers point to a Chinese hacking group tied to repeated cyber-espionage campaigns against key Western interests. In letters sent to customers, Telvent Canada Ltd. said that September 10 it learned of a breach of its internal firewall and security systems. Telvent said the attacker(s) installed malicious software and stole project files related to one of its core offerings — OASyS SCADA — a product that helps energy firms mesh older IT assets with more advanced “smart grid” technologies. The firm said it was still investigating the incident, but that as a precautionary measure, it had disconnected the usual data links between clients and affected portions of its internal networks.
Source: [http://krebsonsecurity.com/2012/09/chinese-hackers-blamed-for-intrusion-at-energy-industry-giant-telvent/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:KrebsOnSecurity\(Krebs on Security\)&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter](http://krebsonsecurity.com/2012/09/chinese-hackers-blamed-for-intrusion-at-energy-industry-giant-telvent/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:KrebsOnSecurity(Krebs%20on%20Security)&utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter)

4. *September 26, St. Louis Post-Dispatch* – (Missouri) **Some still without power after storms dumps rain, hail on St. Louis.** Storms swept through the St. Louis, Missouri area September 25, bringing some hail and causing scattered power outages, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported September 26. Farther east, what might have been tornadoes caused roof and wall damage to some homes in the Okawville area in Washington County, Illinois. The National Weather Service also received unconfirmed reports of tornadoes in nearby Clinton County. Ameren reported more than 13,000 customers across the metro area were still without electric power the night of September 25. That number had dropped to about 5,900 just under 3 hours later. More than 12 hours later, about 2,500 Ameren electric customers in Missouri were without power. Many of those were in the Bowling Green and Bonne Terre areas. In north St. Louis County, two schools in the Riverview Gardens school district were closed September 26 because they were without power.
Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/some-still-without-power-after-storms-dumps-rain-hail-on/article_c0f415da-5c48-5062-9dca-d280f81fdd37.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

5. *September 26, Charlotte Observer* – (North Carolina) **1 hurt in west Charlotte chemical spill.** One employee was injured September 25 in a chemical spill at a Charlotte, North Carolina plant, fire officials said. The incident happened at Emerald Performance Materials, which produces additives and processing aids for food, rubber, coatings, and other uses. Crews from the West Mecklenburg Fire Department were called to deal with the acid spill. The Charlotte Fire Department's HAZMAT team also responded, and it controlled the leak. Authorities said the spill involved trifluoromethanesulfonic acid, or triflic acid. Broadcast reports September 26 said a leaking pipe caused the spill. The injured employee suffered chemical burns but did not need transport to a hospital.
Source: <http://www.wcnc.com/news/local/1-hurt-in-west-Charlotte-chemical-spill--171317921.html>
6. *September 26, WTVF 5 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **I-24E exit ramp remains closed after acid spill.** An exit ramp off Interstate 24 in Nashville, Tennessee, was expected to remain closed until September 27 following a sulfuric acid spill. The ramp from I-24 eastbound to James Robertson Parkway has been closed since September 24, when a tanker truck leaked thousands of gallons of sulfuric acid onto the road. The interstate reopened September 25, but the ramp has remained closed. HAZMAT crews worked to replace contaminated soil with new soil. The acid has already been cleaned up. Police said the driver picked up approximately 5,000 gallons of sulfuric acid in Clarksville, but did not notice it was leaking until he was in Nashville. He pulled off on the James Robertson Parkway exit ramp, and tried to stop the leak. The driver was transported to a hospital to be treated for burns on his hands. A person driving in a vehicle behind the tanker was also treated for eye irritation and fume inhalation. The tanker was owned by

Palm Trucking out of La Vergne. Officials said anyone who may have driven through the affected areas should check their tires for possible damage.

Source: <http://www.newschannel5.com/story/19642214/i-24e-exit-ramp-remains-closed-after-acid-spill>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

7. *September 26, WFMZ 69 Allentown* – (Pennsylvania) **Officials: Limerick nuclear plant operator was under the influence.** A worker at the Limerick nuclear power plant in Limerick, Pennsylvania, was removed from duty after being found to be under the influence of alcohol, federal officials said, according to WFMZ 69 Allentown September 26. A random “fitness for duty” test was conducted July 14 and it was discovered that a worker was under the influence of alcohol, a spokeswoman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said. He was removed from duty, received a severity level III violation, and had his license suspended, investigators said. The violation level indicated a possibility for a “moderate safety or security consequence.” The worker’s responsibilities included serving as the plant reactor operator, as well as being able to perform plant manipulations. Officials pointed out that the worker was never in the control room alone, and that public health and safety were never in danger.

Source: <http://www.wfmz.com/news/Officials-Limerick-nuclear-plant-operator-was-under-the-influence/-/121458/16743070/-/t1t09c/-/index.html>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

Nothing to report

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

8. *September 25, Associated Press* – (Oregon) **Defense contractor employee aids phony parts probe.** Court records made public September 25 show that a new search of an Oregon defense contractor accused of providing phony helicopter and truck parts to the military was prompted by testimony from a purchasing agent who is helping investigators. An affidavit filed in court in Eugene says investigators went looking at Kustom Products Inc. in Coos Bay the week of September 17 for purchase orders and sample parts used as prototypes for phony parts. A DHS special agent wrote the search was prompted by three interviews in the past 2 months with the company’s former purchasing agent, who faces federal charges along with the company’s owner and several members of his family. The indictment alleges they supplied counterfeit parts to the military in hundreds of contracts totaling \$7.5 million. Authorities are also asking a

judge to authorize seizure of profits and goods such as pickup trucks and boats bought with profits. Trial is set for January 26, 2013. The investigation was triggered when Kentucky Army National Guard mechanics noticed replacement lock nuts for the rotor assembly of Kiowa attack helicopters did not meet specifications. They said failure of the nuts could cause helicopters to crash.

Source: <http://www.manufacturing.net/news/2012/09/defense-contractor-employee-aids-phony-parts-probe>

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Banking and Finance Sector

9. *September 26, IDG News Service* – (International) **Wells Fargo recovers after site outage.** Wells Fargo's Web site experienced intermittent outages September 25, while the hacker group claiming responsibility threatened to hit U.S. Bancorp and PNC Financial Services Group over the next 2 days, IDG News Service reported. Wells Fargo apologized on Twitter for the disruption, and said they were working to restore access. By September 26, the site appeared to be functioning. A group calling itself the "Mrt. Izz ad-Din al-Qassam Cyber Fighters" said it coordinated the attacks, and planned further ones on U.S. Bancorp September 26 and PNC Financial Services Group September 27, according to a post on Pastebin. The group said the cyberattacks are in retaliation for the 14-minute video trailer insulting the Prophet Muhammad, and said the attacks will continue until the video is removed from the Internet. The attacks would last 8 hours starting at 2:30 p.m. GMT, the group wrote.

Source:

http://www.computerworld.com/s/article/9231721/Wells_Fargo_recovers_after_site_outage

10. *September 25, Bloomberg News* – (International) **SEC says New York firm allowed high-speed stock manipulation.** A New York-based brokerage allowed overseas clients to run a scheme aimed at distorting stock prices by rapidly canceling orders, according to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Bloomberg News reported September 25. Clients of Hold Brothers On-Line Investment Services were "repeatedly manipulating publicly traded stocks" by placing and erasing orders in an illegal strategy designed to trick others into buying or selling, the SEC said. Hold Brothers, its owners, and the foreign firms Trade Alpha Corporate Ltd. and Demonstrate LLC agreed to settle allegations that the New York broker failed to supervise customers and pay \$4 million in fines. The SEC complaint targeted practices that abused high-speed computer trading on American equity venues. As high-frequency activity has grown in recent years, the agency's efforts to stop practices such as "layering" or "spoofing" have extended to automated trading tactics. Along with Hold Brothers, the SEC charged its co-founder and president, who created and partially owned Trade Alpha and Demonstrate. A former chief compliance officer and chief financial officer, and another executive, were also charged and agreed to the penalties.

Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/news/2012-09-25/sec-says-new-york-broker-allowed-high-speed-stock-manipulation>

11. *September 25, Associated Press* – (Nebraska; National) **3 ex-TierOne Bank execs charged with hiding losses.** Three former TierOne Bank executives were charged September 25 with concealing millions of dollars in real estate losses and misleading investors during the recent recession. The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filed the civil charges against the bank's former CEO, former president, and former chief credit officer. The CEO's son was also charged with insider trading. All but the former chief credit officer agreed to settlements. The CEO and former president will pay nearly \$1.2 million but did not admit any wrongdoing. The SEC said TierOne relied on outdated appraisals that inflated the value of real estate that the bank had loans on or had repossessed. The Lincoln, a Nebraska-based bank understated its losses by millions of dollars in 2008 and 2009. Federal regulators closed TierOne in June 2010 and sold its assets to Great Western Bank. TierOne had losses in 10 of its last 11 quarters before regulators closed it as it struggled under the weight of bad loans in parts of the United States hit hard by the subprime mortgage crisis. Investors did not learn the extent of TierOne's loan losses until late 2009, when regulators with the Office of Thrift Supervision required TierOne to obtain new appraisals of its impaired loans. That prompted TierOne to disclose \$130 million of additional loan losses.
Source: <http://www.businessweek.com/ap/2012-09-25/3-ex-tierone-bank-execs-charged-with-hiding-losses>

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Transportation Sector

12. *September 26, Florida Today* – (Florida) **Tanker flips, leaks liquid, blocks traffic in Cocoa.** An industrial waste water tanker that flipped over in Cocoa, Florida, closed a heavily used on-ramp and blocked traffic for more than 7 hours September 25. The rollover happened near U.S. 1 and the westbound on-ramp of State Road 528. The tanker — which was carrying water containing degreaser, according a lieutenant of Brevard County Fire Rescue — has the capacity to carry about 6,000 gallons of liquid. The rollover caused a valve near the top of the tank to leak, he said. Crews used inflatable kiddie pools to contain the spill. The driver of the tanker took the ramp too quickly and the vehicle rolled over, according to a Cocoa police spokeswoman. The driver, who was not hurt, was being charged with careless driving and improper placard, she said. The driver may face additional charges for using agricultural fuel in the truck, the spokeswoman added.
Source: <http://www.floridatoday.com/article/20120926/NEWS01/309260028/Tanker-flips-leaks-liquid-blocks-traffic-Cocoa>
13. *September 26, Marine Log* – (Texas) **NTSB highlights Houston Ship Channel safety issues.** The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) said that the collision of a chemical tanker with a containership in the Houston Ship Channel in Houston, Texas,

in October 2011 was likely caused by tanker pilot error, Marine Log reported September 26. It said the inappropriate response of the pilot of the Elka Apollon to changes in bank effect forces as the vessel transited the Bayport flare, caused the vessel to sheer across the channel and into the containership, the MSC Nederland. Contributing to the accident was the combination of the narrow waterway and traffic density at the time, which, when combined with the channel's bank effects, increased the challenges in a waterway with a limited margin for error. Based on its investigation, the NTSB recommended the Coast Guard develop and implement a policy to ensure adequate separation between vessels in two Coast Guard-designated precautionary areas of the Houston Ship Channel and in similarly configured locations. The two specific areas include the site of the October 2011 collision as well as another accident less than 3 months earlier. The NTSB also recommended that these precautionary areas be identified on Houston Ship Channel navigation charts so they are more readily identifiable to mariners.

Source:

http://www.marinelog.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=2980:nts-b-highlights-houston-ship-channel-safety-issues&catid=1:latest-news&Itemid=195

14. *September 25, Associated Press; KTUU 2 Anchorage* – (Alaska) **AK railroad freight service resumed, damage nears \$2M.** The Alaska Railroad freight service between Anchorage and Fairbanks resumed September 25 following the recent string of destructive Alaska flooding. Alaska Railroad officials said the weather-related damage costs approached \$2 million. Crews repaired a 500-foot stretch of track that hindered operations washed out by flooding near Milepost 261 about 35 miles north of Talkeetna. Crews focused on a 70-mile stretch of rail corridor between Willow and Gold Creek since September 22. The Associated Press reported that due to washout, trains could not carry petroleum from the North Pole refinery, or coal from the mines in Healy. The rail corridor between Anchorage, Seward, and Whittier remained open and minor washouts have been fixed in the Seward area.

Source: http://articles.ktuu.com/2012-09-25/freight-service_34087301

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Postal and Shipping Sector

15. *September 26, Salisbury Post* – (North Carolina) **Authorities investigate apparent 'Drano bomb' mailbox explosion.** Investigators were looking into a mailbox that exploded in Salisbury, Maryland, after suspects placed a "Drano bomb" inside September 22, a report said. Investigators said the bomb was "extremely corrosive," and could have burned a resident's skin. Debris from the mailbox and bomb were found in surrounding neighbors' yards. The Rowan County Sheriff's Office said the charge would be malicious damage by use of explosive or incendiary, a felony.

Source: <http://www.salisburypost.com/Crime/092612-Draino-bomb>

16. *September 25, Talking Points Memo* – (Indiana) **Feds investigate explosion in Indiana candidate's mailbox.** A small explosion of some kind occurred September 24 in a mailbox outside the home of an Indiana Democratic Congressional candidate. Four such explosions had occurred in and around Granger, Indiana, where the candidate lives, within the last 24 hours, according to a spokesperson for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). A law enforcement official said authorities were investigating the other incidents involving similar explosions. The St. Joseph's County Sheriff's Department led the investigation.
Source:
http://tpmmuckraker.talkingpointsmemo.com/2012/09/brendan_mullen_explosion_mail_box.php
17. *September 25, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Arizona) **US Labor Department's OSHA cites Tucson, Ariz., postal facility for exposing workers to potential injuries from a powered industrial truck; \$70,000 penalty proposed.** September 25, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) cited a U.S. Postal Service processing and distribution center in Tucson, Arizona, for one willful safety violation for the improper operation of a powered industrial truck. The proposed penalty is \$70,000. OSHA's investigation was prompted by a complaint that an untrained, uncertified supervisor had operated a powered industrial truck during an evening shift. When two of three certified truck operators did not report for their shift, a supervisor without training or certification operated the truck, exposing workers to potential injuries. A willful violation is one committed with intentional knowing or voluntary disregard for the law's requirements, or with plain indifference to worker safety and health.
Source:
http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=23037

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Agriculture and Food Sector

18. *September 26, Food Safety News* – (National) **Add to Recalls: SunRidge Farms nuggets, chews and mix.** Food Safety News reported September 26 that SunRidge Farms recalled its Energy Nuggets, Peanut Butter Power Chews, and Treasure Trove Mix in 10-pound and 20-pound cases because they may contain peanut butter contaminated with Salmonella as an ingredient. Sunland Inc. supplied peanut butter contained in the recalled bulk items. The recall affects peanut or almond butters manufactured between May 1 and September 24. The SunRidge Farms recall is for 852 10-pound cases of Energy Nuggets, 1,846 10-pound cases of peanut butter power chews, and 50 cases of 20-pound Treasure Trove Mix.
Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/09/add-to-recalls-sunridge-farms-nuggets-chews-and-mix/#.UGL_IJH2q70
19. *September 26, Drovers CattleNetwork* – (International) **U.S. bans beef from Canada's XL Foods plant.** Drovers CattleNetwork reported September 26 that the United States

halted imports of beef products from XL Foods in Alberta, Canada, due to findings of E. coli bacteria. A spokesman for the Canadian Food Inspection Agency said the agency “de-listed” the plant September 13 at the request of U.S. authorities, meaning that it cannot export any of its products to the United States until corrections are made. XL Foods voluntarily recalled more than 250 meat products in September after positive findings of E. coli, a bacteria that can cause potentially life-threatening illness.

Source: <http://www.cattlenetwork.com/cattle-news/US-bans-beef-from-Canadas-XL-Foods-plant-171275251.html?ref=251>

20. *September 25, Food Safety News* – (National) **Recall: MoonPie Peanut Butter Crunch cookie sandwiches.** Food Safety News reported September 25 that Chattanooga Bakery Inc. recalled its MoonPie Peanut Butter Crunch products with best by dates of February 26, 2013, March 25, 2013, and April 29, 2013, because its peanut butter supply might be contaminated with a rare strain of Salmonella. The Peanut Butter Crunch products were made with peanut butter from New Mexico-based Sunland Inc., which is involved in a recall of its own brands of peanut and almond butter and Trader Joe’s Creamy Salted Valencia Peanut Butter, which was produced by Sunland, Inc. Those products have been associated with a multistate outbreak of Salmonella Bredeney. Chattanooga Bakery’s recalled Peanut Butter Crunch products (9.6 ounce multipack and 2.4 ounce twin pack) have not been associated with any illnesses. The family-owned Tennessee company distributes its products nationwide. Source: http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/09/recall-moonpie-peanut-butter-crunch-cookie-sandwiches/#.UGL_JZH2q70
21. *September 24, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Sunland, Inc. announces an expansion of its voluntarily limited recall of almond butter and peanut butter to add cashew butter, tahini and roasted blanched peanut products due to possible health risk.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported September 24 that Sunland, Inc. expanded its voluntary recall of its almond butter and peanut butter to include its cashew butter, tahini, and roasted blanched peanut products. These products may be contaminated with Salmonella. This recall is limited to products manufactured between May 1 and September 24. The products were distributed nationally to numerous large supermarket chains and were available for purchase on the Internet. The expanded recall includes the following brands: Archer Farms, Fresh & Easy, Harry & David, Serious Food Silly Prices, and Sunland. Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm320818.htm>

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Water Sector

22. *September 26, Dunkirk Observer* – (New York) **Boil water advisory issued for Sinclairville.** The Chautauqua County Health Department asked all customers of the village of Sinclairville, New York, to conserve water and boil all water for drinking and cooking. A major leak developed in one of the water mains feeding the village and

caused a drop in pressure and partial loss of water in the village's water system September 25. When the distribution pipes and mains lose pressure it increases the chance that untreated water and harmful microbes could enter the system. The village has started work to repair the water main break. Residents would be informed when the leak has been fixed and tests confirm that no harmful bacteria are in the system. It was anticipated that the leaks would be repaired within 24 hours, but it would take more time to restore the water system.

Source: <http://www.observertoday.com/page/content.detail/id/576427/Boil-water-advisory-issued-for-Sinclairville.html?nav=5007>

23. *September 25, Associated Press* – (North Carolina) **More mercury found at Camp Lejeune water plant.** Another 4 pounds of mercury were found at a water plant at Marine Core Base Camp Lejeune in Onslow County, North Carolina, that was expected to remain offline for at least 2 more weeks as a contractor continued to search for the toxic liquid metal, the Associated Press reported September 25. Eight pounds of elemental mercury were found September 15 at the Hadnot Point Water Treatment Plant, and a New Bern-based contractor hired to clean up and investigate the plant found another 4 pounds. The 12 pounds of mercury was equal to about 1.5 pints. A possible source was water pressure meters containing elemental mercury removed from the plant in the 1980s and replaced with digital meters. A base spokesman said the contractor, Shamrock Environmental Corp., began September 25 using cameras in non-accessible areas of the piping and reservoir to determine if mercury settled in other places. Meanwhile, areas that normally get their water from Hadnot Point would instead be serviced by the Holcomb Boulevard plant.

Source: <http://www.rockymounttelegram.com/ap/staten/more-mercury-found-camp-lejeune-water-plant-1231057>

24. *September 25, Easton Express-Times* – (Pennsylvania) **Hellertown boil water advisory to last 'several days'.** A malfunction with the water-disinfecting equipment in Hellertown, Pennsylvania, meant a boil-water advisory would be in place for "several days," as stated by a notice posted on the borough's Web site. The system that delivers a chemical disinfectant broke down sometime September 25, the notice said, and "there is a possibility that non-disinfected water may have reached the public distribution system," meaning an increased risk of disease-causing organisms. The borough advised residents to bring water to a boil and let it boil for 1 minute before using. The Saucon Valley schools assistant superintendent reported the district would make bottled water available to students September 26. The district also lifted its ban on students bringing their own water for the rest of the week of September 24.

Source:

http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/bethlehem/index.ssf/2012/09/hellertown_boil_water_advisory.html

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

25. *September 26, Longview News-Journal* – (Texas) **West Nile claims another life in Texas.** Texas State health officials reported September 25 one new death from West Nile virus in Midland County, bringing to 63 this year's death toll from the disease. The State health department reported 23 new confirmed cases September 24. Statewide, the number of people contracting the potentially fatal West Nile neuroinvasive disease jumped by 13, up from 664 confirmed cases September 24. Another 10 people were confirmed with the less serious West Nile fever, bringing the total to 752 across the State. The latest data published by the Texas Department of State Health Services stated 1,429 people have contracted the mosquito-borne illness this year.
Source: http://www.news-journal.com/news/local/west-nile-claims-another-life-in-texas/article_41ce7ba2-6954-57db-ad8b-161a29af6cc3.html
26. *September 25, Associated Press* – (Virginia) **Man charged in VA hospital shooting pleads guilty.** A man has pleaded guilty in a slaying at a Richmond, Virginia veterans hospital. He faces up to life in prison after pleading guilty September 25 to a single count of using a firearm in a violent crime causing the death of another person. He fatally shot another man in the parking lot of the Hunter Holmes McGuire Veterans Medical Center February 22. He also was accused of trying to kill another person on hospital grounds, but the attempted murder charge was dropped as part of the plea agreement.
Source: <http://www.wric.com/story/19629643/man-charged-in-va-hospital-shooting-to-enter-plea>
27. *September 25, Bloomberg News* – (National) **Stryker recalls Neptune devices after death reported.** Stryker Corp. stopped selling three versions of its Neptune Waste Management System after two people were harmed, one fatally, using the devices that were sold without formal clearance by U.S. regulators. Stryker initiated a Class 1 recall, the most serious device withdrawal, June 5 after two reports of serious injury from the products used to collect fluid waste during surgery, the Kalamazoo, Michigan-based company said September 25 in a statement. In one instance, a patient's passive chest drainage tube was hooked to the Neptune 2 System, a high-vacuum, high-flow device. The patient died, Stryker said. The initial recall was intended to inform customers that the devices should not be connected to passive drainage tubes, a warning that was not on the label. The company extended the recall September 18 to inform customers that the Neptune 1 Silver, Neptune 2 Ultra, and a higher-powered Neptune 2 Ultra do not have U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval. The FDA does not consider the devices "to be legally marketed devices because their safety and effectiveness have not yet been determined," the company said in the statement. "As such, FDA advises that the devices not be used."
Source: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2012-09-25/stryker-recalls-neptune-devices-after-death-reported.html>
28. *September 25, WFTV 9 Orlando* – (Florida) **Pharmacist arrested on charges of trafficking oxycodone.** A pharmacist was arrested September 25 at a Cure Aide pharmacy in Orlando, Florida. Officers said he was facing 22 counts of trafficking in

oxycodone and 22 counts of conspiracy to traffic. Investigators said he has supplied more than 5,000 oxycodone pills to local drug trafficking organizations. The dealers would go to him with fake prescriptions and he would fill them and mark up the price for his participation in the illegal activity. Also, the Florida Department of Health served an emergency suspension order to stop him and his pharmacy from distributing drugs. The Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation said it has been investigating the pharmacist since 2011.

Source: <http://www.wftv.com/news/news/local/pharmacist-arrested-charges-trafficking-oxycodone/nSLgg/>

29. *September 24, New York Times* – (National) **U.S. warns hospitals on Medicare billing.** Saying there were “troubling indications” of abuse in the way hospitals use electronic records to bill for Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement, the Presidential administration warned September 24 it would vigorously prosecute doctors and hospitals implicated in fraud. The Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Attorney General said in a letter sent to five major hospital trade associations that the government would not tolerate attempts to “game the system.” The strongly worded letter said “there are troubling indications that some providers are using this technology to game the system, possibly to obtain payments to which they are not entitled.” The letter cited possible abuses including “cloning” of medical records, where data about one patient was repeated in other records, to inflate reimbursement. “There are also reports some hospitals may be using electronic health records to facilitate ‘upcoding’ of the intensity of care or severity of patients’ condition as a means to profit with no commensurate improvement in the quality of care,” the letter said.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2012/09/25/business/us-warns-hospitals-on-medicare-billing.html>

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30. *September 26, Associated Press* – (Oklahoma) **Oklahoma school shooting: 1 dead at Stillwater junior high school.** A student shot and killed himself in a hallway at the Stillwater Junior High in Stillwater, Oklahoma, before classes began September 26, police said, terrifying teenagers who feared a gunman was on the loose. Staffers quickly locked down the school and evacuated about 700 eighth and ninth graders, along with students from an adjacent elementary school, to a safe location, said a police captain. The eighth grader was found dead in a hallway. Police did not say what prompted the shooting but said no other students were at risk. The superintendent said there are no metal detectors at the school. She expected that there would be discussions about the policy, but said school officials were still trying to deal with the shooting. The teen had been a good student who got along with other kids, and there was no indication he was bullied, the superintendent noted.

Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/09/26/oklahoma-school-shooting-n_1916074.html

31. *September 26, Homeland Security News Wire* – (National) **GAO: Easily obtained counterfeit IDs present real risks.** The Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a report September 21 in which the agency demonstrates that counterfeit documents can still be used easily to obtain valid driver's licenses and State-issued identification cards under fictitious identities. GAO recommended that DHS exert more assertive leadership in an effort to correct the problem, Homeland Security News Wire reported September 26. The president of the Coalition for a Secure Driver's License, stated, "The GAO replicated the same techniques used by the 9/11 terrorists to get more than 30 driver's license and IDs from State licensing agencies. To obtain a driver's license with your photo but with someone else's biographic information or with fictitious information, terrorists need only travel to a State where identification standards are low and service is fast. Terrorists planning future attacks on Americans will be delighted by GAO's findings, but Congress should be very concerned." A coalition release notes that GAO's investigators obtained five driver's licenses in three different States under fictitious identities using combinations of name, birth date, and Social Security numbers together with counterfeit documents. In two States, a GAO investigator was able to obtain two licenses with different identities using the same person's face. Only in one case did a motor vehicle employee appear to question the validity of the documents being presented, but the GAO investigator was still able to obtain a driver's license.
Source: <http://www.homelandsecuritynewswire.com/dr20120926-gao-easily-obtained-counterfeit-ids-present-real-risks>
32. *September 25, Davenport Quad City Times* – (Iowa) **Police arrest 2 teens for high school bomb threats.** Iowa City, Iowa police have arrested two students for phoning in bomb threats that forced a Catholic school to cancel 2 days of classes. Police said September 25 the suspects are males aged 15 and 17 who attend Regina Catholic Education Center. They have been charged with first-degree harassment. The first call happened August 20, when someone claimed a bomb had been placed in the school. The second happened September 19, when a caller said he would come to the school with an explosive device on his body if the school did not provide him money. Students and employees were evacuated in both cases and searches did not locate anything suspicious. Investigators said they are working to identify a possible third suspect not affiliated with the school, who could also face charges.
Source: http://qctimes.com/news/state-and-regional/iowa/police-arrest-teens-for-high-school-bomb-threats/article_fe6c29e7-4a34-5891-9260-e4afe948252b.html
33. *September 25, ABC News* – (New Jersey) **F-22s scrambled to intercept aircraft during Obama NYC visit.** Two F-22 Raptor fighter jets intercepted two other planes that had entered restricted airspace over the United Nations General Assembly in New York City in separate incidents September 25, the military said. The two unidentified planes entered temporarily restricted airspace over the international diplomatic headquarters where the U.S. President spoke and were later intercepted over central New Jersey, according to the North Atlantic Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD). Both planes, described as "general aviation aircraft," landed at a nearby airport without incident.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/blogs/headlines/2012/09/f-22s-scrambled-to-intercept-aircraft-during-obama-nyc-visit/>

34. *September 25, WNYW 5 New York* – (New York) **22 treated after hydrochloric acid thrown in school hallway.** At least 22 students at Kirby High School in Memphis, Tennessee were treated by first responders after a bottle of hydrochloric acid was thrown down a hallway, said a lieutenant of the Memphis Fire Department. The students complained of eye irritation and headaches. Once outside, the students started to feel better. The lieutenant said the liquid substance in the bottle was positively identified as hydrochloric acid after 5 hours of analysis by their HAZMAT crew. It was reportedly brought to the school by a student. The incident remains under investigation by Memphis City Schools and Memphis police. Police said the school has surveillance cameras and they will be reviewing footage.

Source: <http://www.myfoxny.com/story/19636209/22-treated-after-substance-thrown-in-school-hallway>

35. *September 24, State Island Advance* – (New York) **Update: Staten Island Rep. Grimm calls break-in ‘attack on free elections’.** An overnight intruder smashed several windows and gained entry into a Representative’s headquarters in the New Dorp section of Staten Island, New York the weekend of September 22, possibly tampering with computers inside the office, authorities said. Two large chunks of cement and some smaller rocks had been hurled through three, 4x8-foot vertical windows, according to a campaign spokeswoman. They also believed that someone had deleted computer hard drives. The Congressman and his campaign staff believe the vandalism was staged to cover up the computer tampering. On further inspection it was determined the intruder had caused a different type of damage — someone installed the Linux operating system on the office’s computers, the representative said September 23, and in the process wiped the hard drives clean. “All of my polling data, all of the data from my IDs of voters, and a bunch of other campaign information. But fortunately we had everything backed up from literally hours before, so we don’t lose anything because we have backups,” he said. He had no doubt his office was targeted.

Source:

http://www.silive.com/news/index.ssf/2012/09/staten_island_rep_grimm_calls.html

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Emergency Services Sector

36. *September 26, WBTV 3 Charlotte* – (North Carolina) **EMT killed when ambulance, tractor trailer crash in front of hospital.** An emergency responder in Monroe, North Carolina, was killed September 25 after an ambulance was involved in a crash with a tractor trailer in front of the Carolinas Medical Center-Union hospital. A tractor trailer truck was traveling westbound on US 74 when it collided with an ambulance as the ambulance pulled into the roadway, police said. The ambulance was a part of the Sandhills Ambulance Service out of Cheraw, South Carolina. Officials from the

company confirmed that an EMT employee was killed in the crash. The driver of the ambulance was injured in the crash. He was transported to a local hospital and was in stable condition.

Source: <http://www.wbtv.com/story/19633751/emt-belinda-rivers-killed-ambulance-tractor-trailer-crash-hospital-cmc-union>

37. *September 25, Newport Independent* – (Arkansas) **Jackson County Detention Facility struck by lightning.** According to the Jackson County, Arkansas sheriff, the county's detention facility was struck by lightning, Newport Independent reported September 25. "We took a direct hit on our radio tower. It came down the tower, across, arced over and hit the vent pipe for our fuel tank, and then came through the building," he explained. The lightning strike immediately began causing problems for the county's law enforcement agency. "It knocked out our whole radio system. We have two — our primary and our backup — it fried both of them. We had some early issues with the security cameras, controllers, some of our door locks, our security locks were knocked out," the sheriff said. The department monitored the other radios with a scanner and routed communication through the Newport Police Department. They "worked all day Friday (September 21) trying to get our primary stuff back up," the sheriff said, noting repairs were ongoing.

Source: <http://www.newportindependent.com/article/20120925/NEWS/120929798/-1/Sports>

38. *September 25, KNSD 7 San Diego* – (California) **Confronted about child porn, man shoots two deputies in San Diego County.** A Lakeside, California man confronted about alleged child porn opened fire inside his apartment, shot and injured two deputies before shooting himself, according to the man's girlfriend, KNSD 7 San Diego reported September 25. The girlfriend said that she was getting her two daughters ready for school when she found pornographic pictures of her boyfriend and her two daughters engaged in sex acts on his cell phone. The woman headed to the sheriff's office, showed them the photos, and called the suspect on a deputy-tapped phone line. Her boyfriend told her he planned to sell the photos for \$50,000 to a child porn site. Deputies entered the apartment complex to confront the suspect while the woman and her daughters waited outside. The woman said that after the deputies stormed the apartment, her boyfriend shot the two deputies with a high-powered rifle, and then shot himself. Both deputies were transported to a nearby hospital, KPBS 30 San Diego reported.

Source: http://usnews.nbcnews.com/_news/2012/09/25/14099349-confronted-about-child-porn-man-shoots-two-deputies-in-san-diego-county?lite

39. *September 25, NBC News* – (Mississippi; Georgia) **Dangerous' Mississippi prison escapee captured in Georgia.** The escaped inmate from the Mississippi State Penitentiary that officials described as "armed and dangerous," was captured, prison officials said September 25. The inmate, who escaped September 22, was apprehended in Macon, Georgia. Through investigations by the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) and U.S. Marshals in Mississippi and Georgia, he was captured September 25, a MDOC spokesperson said. He now faces extradition to Mississippi and multiple charges. While on maintenance detail, the inmate allegedly broke into a

safe inside the home of an MDOC employee on prison grounds and stole two handguns. He then fled the prison grounds driving a white 2005 Chevrolet Silverado truck that he also stole from the same employee. The prison was placed on lockdown and closed to visitors after his escape.

Source: <http://usnews.nbcnews.com/news/2012/09/25/14094562-dangerous-mississippi-prison-escapee-captured-in-georgia?lite>

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Information Technology Sector

40. *September 26, The H* – (International) **Security fixes dominate in Google’s Chrome 22.** Chrome 22 closes more than 40 security holes, of which 1 is considered to be critical and 19 are rated as “high severity” by the company. These problems include a critical Windows kernel memory corruption vulnerability and two UXSS vulnerabilities in frame handling and V8 JavaScript bindings. Other corrected problems include use-after-free issues in onclick handling and SVG text references, out-of-bounds writes in the Skia graphics library, a buffer overflow in SSE2 optimizations, an integer overflow in WebGL on Mac systems, and 18 separate issues in the PDF viewer.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Security-fixes-dominate-in-Google-s-Chrome-22-1717660.html>

41. *September 26, The H* – (International) **Rent-to-own laptops were spying on users.** The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) settled a case with several computer rent-to-own companies and a software maker over their use of a program that spied on as many as 420,000 users of the computers. The terms of the settlement will ban the firms from using monitoring software, deceiving customers into giving up information, or using geo-location to track users. The software for rental companies from DesignerWare included a “Detective Mode,” a spyware application that, according to the FTC’s complaint, could activate the Webcam of a laptop and take pictures and log keystrokes of user activity. The software also regularly presented a fake registration screen designed to trick users into entering personal information. The data collected was transmitted to DesignerWare and then passed on to the rent-to-own companies. DesignerWare sold the service, which included a “kill switch” to disable the machine, to be activated if a computer was stolen or a renter was late making payments. However, the data gathered also contained user names and passwords for email accounts, social media Web sites, and financial institutions, said the FTC. The complaint said Social Security numbers, private email with doctors, bank and credit card statements, and Webcam pictures of “children, partially undressed individuals and intimate activities at home” were collected. The complaint against DesignerWare said its licensing and enabling of “Detective Mode” was providing the rent-to-own companies with the means to break the law.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Rent-to-own-laptops-were-spying-on-users-1717567.html>

42. *September 26, V3.co.uk* – (International) **Samsung delivers Galaxy S3 remote-wipe bug fix.** Samsung released a fix for a critical error in its software that allowed

malicious code to remotely wipe its Galaxy S3 smartphone. The vulnerability was showcased by a security researcher at the Ekoparty security conference September 25. Samsung later told V3 it was aware of the issue and had built a fix, which it was distributing as an over-the-air update. The vulnerability was reportedly in the device's Unstructured Supplementary Service Data (USSD) protocol, which is used in the messaging between handset and mobile network. Potentially, hackers could use the vulnerability to send a "factory reset" command to the user's device. The attacks could be mounted using many different mediums including Web site links, NFC tags, and QR codes. Security firm Sophos has since warned that the vulnerability may relate to several other Android handsets, including those made by other manufacturers, and urged owners of devices to back-up their phone regularly.

Source: <http://www.v3.co.uk/v3-uk/news/2208239/samsung-delivers-galaxy-s3-remotewipe-bug-fix>

43. *September 25, Softpedia* – (International) **Backdoor in phpMyAdmin allows hackers to execute PHP code.** phpMyAdmin warned customers that a kit hosted on the SourceForge.net mirror system was found to contain a backdoor that allows remote attackers to execute arbitrary PHP code. The developers were notified by the Tencent Security Response Center that the distribution contains a malicious file. The affected mirror is called cdnetworks-kr-1, the backdoor being located in the server_sync.php file. Apparently, this was not the only corrupt file. The phpMyAdmin development team claims a second file — js/cross_framing_protection.js — was also modified. The vulnerability was cataloged as critical.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Backdoor-in-phpMyAdmin-Allows-Hackers-to-Execute-PHP-Code-294706.shtml>

44. *September 25, Krebs on Security* – (International) **Espionage hackers target 'watering hole' sites.** Security experts are accustomed to direct attacks, but some of today's more insidious incursions succeed in a roundabout way — by planting malware at sites deemed most likely to be visited by the targets of interest. New research suggests these so-called "watering hole" tactics have recently been used as stepping stones to conduct espionage attacks against a host of targets across a variety of industries, including the defense, government, academia, financial services, healthcare, and utilities sectors. In a report released September 25, RSA FirstWatch's (RSA) experts hint at — but do not explicitly name — some of the watering hole sites. According to RSA, the sites in question were hacked between June and July 2012.

Source: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2012/09/espionage-hackers-target-watering-hole-sites/>

45. *September 24, Washington Post* – (International) **Donuts Inc.'s major play for new Web domain names raises fears of fraud.** A historic land rush is underway for vast new swaths of the Internet: Amazon has bid for control of all the Web addresses that end with ".book." Google wants ".buy." Allstate wants ".carinsurance." However, the single most aggressive bidder for lucrative new Web domains is a little-known investment group with an intriguing name: Donuts Inc. Its \$57 million play for 307 new domains — more than Google, Amazon, and Allstate combined — has prompted alarm among industry groups and Internet watchdogs. They warn Donuts has close ties to a

company with a well-documented history of providing services to spammers and other perpetrators of Internet abuses. Should Donuts come to control hundreds of new domains, including “.doctor,” “.financial,” and “.school,” consumers could see a spike in online misbehavior, these critics warn.

Source: http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/technology/2012/09/24/c8745362-f782-11e1-8398-0327ab83ab91_story.html

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Commercial Facilities Sector

46. *September 26, KREM 2 Spokane* – (Washington) **Crews battle 4-alarm lower South Hill apartment fire.** Fire crews battled a 4 alarm apartment fire on the lower South Hill neighborhood of Spokane, Washington, that started September 25 at the Chico Apartments. The Spokane fire chief said the majority of the fire was kept to the west section of the 12 units. He said four of the units sustained a lot of damage because firefighters had to pull the ceilings off. Firefighters ran into problems with overhead lines and narrow streets. Electricity and gas to the building was shut off. Emergency personnel closed secondary streets immediately surrounding the scene. The owners of the Mirabeau Park Hotel also owned the South Hill apartment complex damaged in the fire. KREM 2 Spokane was told the owners would work with the Spokane Fire Department to put the displaced residents into the hotel.

Source: <http://www.krem.com/news/local/Crews-respond-to-lower-South-Hill-structure-fire-171255841.html>

47. *September 26, WTNH 8 New Haven* – (Connecticut) **Search underway after shooting in New Milford.** Police in New Milford, Connecticut, investigated a September 26 shooting near a motel that left one man wounded. “We’re still trying to chase down some leads,” explained a New Milford police spokesman. The shooting occurred on Route 7 and shut the road for hours. The victim was in stable condition at a local hospital. Detectives interviewed and said it was possible he and the shooter know each other. “We believe that the shooter has fled the area,” the police spokesman said.

Visitors at two motels were displaced.

Source: <http://www.wtnh.com/dpp/news/crime/shooting-at-motel-in-new-milford#.UGM3sK7kGok>

48. *September 25, KTEN 10 Ada* – (Texas) **Apartment fire leaves several people in Sherman homeless.** Fire swept through the Hunnington Apartments in Sherman, Texas, September 25 and destroyed eight units and damaged eight others. At least 17 people were told they could not go back to their homes; 15 families were left to figure out where to relocate. High winds helped the fire spread quickly. Five different fire departments helped Sherman firefighters battle the blaze. The Red Cross was on site to help residents left without homes. Firefighters said it was not safe to go into the building that night because the building might collapse.
Source: <http://www.kten.com/story/19640278/apartment-fire-leaves-several-people-in-sherman-homeless>
49. *September 25, Centerville Daily Iowegian* – (Iowa) **Square businesses engulfed in flames.** A fire began on the roof of the Gypsy Quarter store September 25 in Centerville, Iowa. Centerville Fire Department responded and requested mutual aid from fire departments in Cincinnati, Mystic, Moravia, Moulton, Albia, Seymour, and Wayne County. According to scanner chatter, the fire moved from the building housing Gypsy Quarter and into the commercial building next door that houses two businesses. Emergency personnel shut down power to part of Haynes Avenue and also evacuated surrounding offices, businesses, and buildings.
Source: <http://dailyiowegian.com/local/x403284375/Roof-of-Gypsy-Quarter-on-fire>
50. *September 25, Vail Daily* – (Colorado) **Investigators comb Vail fire scene.** A suspect allegedly harassed his ex-girlfriend for weeks before he tried to burn down the building where he thought she was sleeping, residents said September 25. Authorities said the suspect allegedly set two fires in an East Vail, Colorado apartment complex where his ex-girlfriend was living. He faces at least a half dozen felony and misdemeanor charges for allegedly setting two fires September 22. The suspect was arrested September 22 and held in the Eagle County jail on \$765,000 bond. Since one of the fires set by the suspect blocked the only escape route from a four-story apartment building, he could face an attempted murder charge for each person occupying the building when the fire was set.
Source:
<http://www.vaildaily.com/article/20120925/NEWS/120929896/1078&ParentProfile=1062>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

51. *September 25, KULR 8 Billings* – (Montana) **Montana wildfire overview.** A Type Two Incident team headed to Lame Deer, Montana, to help fight a wildfire burning south of the town, KULR 8 Billings reported September 25. The Eagle Creek Fire started September 21 and has burned 4,200 acres. The human caused fire is 0 percent

contained. Firefighters were making progress on the Wilson Fire, which started the weekend of September 22 near Roundup. Officials with Musselshell County said that the fire is at 100 percent containment, and is estimated to have burned 3,600 acres of land southeast of Roundup. Residents east of U.S. Highway 83 in the Condon area were asked to prepare for possible evacuation as a lightning-caused fire moves closer to homes. The Condon Mountain Fire burned 4,450 acres since it started July 28. September 25, the fire was burning within 1.5 miles of a dozen residences about 4 miles northeast of Condon in the Swan Valley. The U.S. Forest Service said the fire is burning in steep, hazardous terrain with heavy timber with numerous standing snags east of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. The Flathead National Forest has closed the area around the fire for public safety. A temporary flight restriction was in effect surrounding the Condon Mountain Fire area, and the Condon Airport was closed to all non-fire aircraft until further notice.

Source: <http://www.kulr8.com/news/local/Montana-Fire-Overview-171190051.html>

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Dams Sector

52. *September 25, Associated Press* – (National) **Senators want upgrades to Mississippi River locks.** The Mississippi River's 70-year-old system of locks and dams urgently needs upgrades to accommodate barges that have gotten bigger over time, a group of federal lawmakers is warning after the recent days-long shutdown of the river's busiest lock, the Associated Press reported September 25. U.S. Senators from Illinois, Missouri, and Iowa the week of September 24 sent a letter to the Environmental and Public Works Committee saying the locks and dams suffer from "a troubling lack of upkeep." Workers closed a lock just north of St. Louis near Granite City, Illinois, the week of September 17 to make emergency repairs to a towering metal cylinder that helps guide barges. Officials said that damage had less to do with the protection cell's age than with the fact that an unarmored section that is normally submerged was exposed because the river's level has been lowered dramatically amid one of the worst U.S. droughts in decades. The lawmakers imploring for the system's broader upgrades pointed out that those temporary repairs idled hundreds of barges, stalling shipments of everything from grains to coal, fertilizer and construction materials.

Source: http://www.lompocrecord.com/news/national/senators-want-upgrades-to-mississippi-river-locks/article_8a47d8eb-7ee3-56a5-b69c-90065a5b2852.html

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